

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, April 21, 2014, 4:30pm, at the Parks office. Present at said meeting were Pat Flannelly, Karen Springer, John MacDonald, Jeff Love and Aimee Jacobsen. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Bess Witcosky, Dan Dunten and Cheryl Kolb represented the department. Also present was Council President, Ann Hunt. Absent was Park Board Attorney, Andy Gutwein and staff members, Lee Booth and Chris Foley.

Pat convened the Board at 4:32pm.

The first item of the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the March 24, 2014 meeting. Karen motioned to approve the minutes. John seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Superintendent – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report had been distributed
- Distributed Trail Guides, noting we share in the printing of 10,000 guides with the Visitors Center, and the last printing was in 2010. We will be working with Lafayette Printing to have the guides set up as .pdf's to for use on our website.

Assistant Superintendent – Pennie reported on the following:

- We have 12 Men's teams and 33 Coed teams signed up for our softball league. Schedule conflict meetings will take place this week; the Coed league meets on Tuesday and the Men's league meets on Wednesday. A meeting with the umpires to schedule their games is set for next week. League play begins May 5.
- Previously mentioned, we requested \$30,000 from the Community Development Block Grant Programs to bring the restrooms in Cumberland Park and Happy Hollow Park into compliance with ADA, and we were awarded \$29,000. Funds will be available July 1.
- Last week the staff attended training sessions for the new City-wide Munis Software system, which is scheduled to go into effect May 1.

Parks – Pennie reported on the following in Lee's absence:

- Inspections are available
- Finished opening parks and turning on drinking fountains
- Completed setting up and securing new tables in Happy Hollow Park shelters
- Working on cleaning and preparing the swimming pool

Recreation – Chris reported on the following:

- The summer brochures were mailed today and a copy was put into your folders.

Morton Center – Bess reported on the following:

- WALLA has finished its classes as of 04/17/14. It was a smooth couple of weeks.
- Jeannette Rehmel's "Morton Mural Project", which was started in March, is in its final stages and will be completed the first week of May.
- Morton's Mor'Danc'n Dance Recital will be held May 3 at 4:00pm in Loeb Playhouse.

Stewardship – Dan reported on the following:

- Agriculture Awareness Days was April 8 & 9 at the county fairgrounds. We packaged 1,700 plants for the 4th grade students and discussed with them the many benefits of trees.

- DeTrash the Wabash was last Saturday, with approximately 100 volunteers who helped pick up all kinds of things along the river, never knowing what you are going to find. The police had to be called because something that looked like a meth lab was found by one of our groups near the Davis-Ferry Bridge out in the county. We ended up with twenty-four tires that had to be dug out, and removed.
- Arbor Day is this coming Friday and we will be planting trees along the Northwest Greenway Trail, with the assistance of about 15-20, 5 and 6 year old children, from Just Us Kids Child Care.

Pat noted Clean Sweep is May 17.

Old Business

n/a

Ann Hunt reported Jeff Love was chosen as the recipient of the Crystal Bison Award for Community Service, with a presentation a couple of weeks ago. The Board congratulated him.

New Business

WL Farmers Market – Concession Painting Proposal

Robin Pickett and Sue Gerard presented a request, along with pictures, to paint the concession building at Cumberland Park, to help designate the location and the time for the West Lafayette Farmers Market. Discussion followed. Aimee motioned to approve the request to paint the concession building, contingent upon the City Attorney's ruling regarding City ordinances. Jeff seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Northwestern Heights Proposal

Mimi Boutin, a resident of the Northwestern Heights neighborhood, introduced herself and provided some history regarding a proposed request for a neighborhood park. Discussion followed. Ann Hunt also provided history regarding the neighborhood's past look into developing a park. A proposal presentation has been planned by Ann Hunt for the May meeting, to be held next month at the Lilly Nature Center.

West Lafayette School Board – Karen reported the following:

- All West Lafayette schools are rated four-star schools, making us a four-star school district.
- WLCSC received the 2014 Best Communities for Music Education Award by the NAMM Foundation. We have received this award multiple times in the past seven years. There were 376 school districts, nationally, who received the award – We are one of seven School Districts from Indiana.
- Three of our high school students will be participating in the International Science & Engineering Fair in Los Angeles in May, two ninth graders and one junior.

Wabash River

- Joe reported the regular Board meeting is next month.

Other

n/a

Pay Claims

Karen motioned for claims to be paid. Aimee seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Karen reported someone she knew was back in town recently and commented on the extensions of the trail system, noting how nice the West Lafayette trail system is.

Ann also noted that she, too, had someone comment positively on the trail system, noting the person's use of the trail system while in town attending a conference.

Adjourn

Jeff motioned to adjourn the meeting. Aimee seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 5:48pm.

Reminder was given regarding next month's meeting at the Lilly Nature Center.

Presiding Officer

Secretary

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